It can be daunting to start and operate a small business. These resources can help answer your questions about how to start, survive and even thrive as a small business:
House Small Business Committee: http://wwwc.house.gov/smbiz/
Small Business Administration: http://www.sba.gov
SBA Office, Portland, Oregon: http://www.sba.gov/or/
Oregon Small Business Development Centers: http://www.bizcenter.org
Starting a Small Business: http://www.sba.gov/starting_business/index.html
Financing Your Small Business: The Basics: http://www.sba.gov/financing/index.html

Snapshot of SBA loan programs: http://www.sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/snapshot.html
SBA Report on Small Business Friendly Banks:
http://www.sba.gov/advo/stats/lending/2002/bk_tor.pdf
Managing a Small Business: http://www.sba.gov/managing/index.html
SBA Federal Government Contracting Information: http://www.sba.gov/gcbd/
SBA Grant Programs: http://www.sba.gov/expanding/grants.html

U.S. Export Assistance Centers:	http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov/oit/export/useac.html
Department of Commerce Export	t Assistance: http://www.export.gov/
IRS Small Business Information:	http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html